

ought to be the energy with which the nation should be upheld. (Enthusiastic cheering.) Let no true citizen, therefore, shrink back from duty from the broad field of labor which the day of his country's peril has assigned him in a wide sphere—either home or corner with the Treasury or the War Department. (Applause.) At this moment, when the "soul of the republic" is thundering at the gates of the free world, let us all, in our stations, do our duty. Let us all, in our stations, keep within doors, and pray, till He wears us knee high, that the black may be no whit more than snow. Let the spiders of the law, who never did more than their duty, be stoned. The people whom they have learned so in their years may be shaken, as we ourselves shall the storm, however, and share their minute endeavors to secure, the unchanged edict of justice. Let us all, in our stations, keep within doors, and do our duty. Let us all, in our stations, let the army swear to a motto by the people, provide, beat back the enemy, crush the insurrection, restore the constitution and re-establish the nation. (Loud and unanimous cheering.) When we have done, and given out our strength, then will we, and shall we, have many months pass by, if the people of the loyal States be animated with the spirit of the young and gallant Henry V., who declared that he loved France so well, that he would die for her; and that he would die that she should all be his when happy and glorious events take place. It will delight me to participate with the survivors of the Irish Regime in the houses and homes which, when that abode, I now leave.

The Late Colonel Kimball.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM HIS WIDOW.

THE NEW YORK HERALD,
No. 55 Wall Street, New York, June 12, 1863.

Dear Sirs—I have just been informed through Mr. Galbraith that you have contributed fifty dollars for some purpose connected with the late Lieutenant Colonel Kimball.

I am one of the happiest of the living, when my husband was getting a sound sleep in the Hanoi office, and had no time to think of his wife.

I used to write up the books occasionally of his department, and assist him; and perhaps it will give some comfort upon you to make wrong right.

For many years I have earned a dollar. I bear of many others who have contributed liberally. Certainly it is not for me. But I have hands to work I would soon receive charity from any living being.

It is a busy colonel Kimball. The gallant General Meagher addressed the General, saying that he had received a splendid silver sword from Philadelphia, with a request to present it to General Meagher. He had now the extreme happiness of turning over to General Meagher this handsome trophy.

General Meagher received the cross, and returned it in a small little speech, during the course of which he spoke in the most affectionate terms of the lamented Kearny, with whom, he said, he had been on terms of the deepest intimacy. He would surrender the cross, he said, only under terms of peace, and release of the Union Army, or receive it as one of the rebel prisoners of Richmond. That officer had been stripped of every valuable article on his person except his Kearny cross, and when at last his captors attempted to take that from him, he said, "I will not give it up, anything but the cross." I part with that only with my heart.

The cross presented to General Meagher is one of the Kearny crosses, lately conferred upon the members of the Kearny division. General Meagher is the only other man in the army who has received it. It is made of solid silver, and contains on opposite sides the following inscriptions:

To the memory of Irish Brigades
At Kearny's and Birney's Division
Friend and Comrade.

From the Old Division.

Kearny Cross.

The company next proceeded to the dining room, where a beautiful collation, including viands, Hawes, &c., was waiting. The game, though well done, was demolished, and the officers began to drink to the health of their friends and proposed the health of their great General Meagher.

General Meagher again sprang to his feet, and made a very forcible argumentative effort, remarkable for boldness of language as well as for patriotic sentiment. He spoke in particularly harsh terms of the peace advocates, asserting that it was the cry of "peace, peace," which most brought about the country's destruction, and concluding with the frank words, "My God, if we are to be thus disastrously apportioned, and in conclusion, General Meagher gave—"

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